

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NON CULTIVABLE LAND IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the available estimates, 11,650,000 hectares out of 27,440,000 hectares in Andhra Pradesh is still non-cultivable land inspite of having potential for cultivation;
- (b) whether there is no special or separate scheme or programme to bring non-cultivable land under cultivation in Andhra Pradesh;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of Watershed Development Programmes that are implemented in the State of Andhra Pradesh to bring noncultivable land under cultivation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a): As per Land Use Statistics, the uncultivable land in Andhra Pradesh is 11,668,000 hectares in 2005-06 out of the reporting area of 27,440,000 hectare.
- (b) to (d): There is no special or separate scheme to bring non-cultivable land under cultivation in Andhra Pradesh. However, Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture is implementing various Watershed Development Programmes, namely,
 - (i) National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPA),
 - (ii) Soil Conservation for Enhancing the Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR), and
 - (iii) Reclamation of Alkali Soils (RAS) for development of degraded lands in the country including Andhra Pradesh. Parts of such developed lands are also brought under cultivation.